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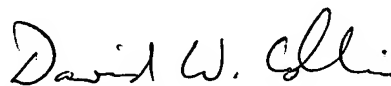
Claims 1-23 are in the application. Claims 1 and 11 are amended to specify that the rotor portion includes a field-responsive dipole moment, as described in the specification on page 13, paragraph [0052]. New Claim 18 depends from Claim 1 and specifies that the rotor is capable of being latched between two states separated by 10 to 170 degrees from the stators. New Claim 19 depends from Claim 18 and specifies that the angle is approximately 90 degrees. New Claim 20 depends from Claim 1 and specifies that the molecular system includes intermolecular forces, intramolecular forces, or both, for stabilizing the rotor portion in particular orientations with respect to the two stator portions. Claims 21-23, which each depend directly or indirectly from Claim 11, are analogous to Claims 18-20, respectively. Support for Claims 18-23 is found in the specification on page 13, paragraph 0052 and on pages 15-16, paragraphs 0064 and 0065.

Claims 1 and 11 are further amended by replacing "destroyed" with --changed--. The basis for this change is found in the specification on page 13, paragraph 0052 and on pages 15-16, paragraphs 0064 and 0065. That the extended conjugation is --changed-- finds further support on pages 14-15, paragraph 0061.

The application is considered to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such action. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number. HOWEVER, ALL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TO: IP ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, M/S 35, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, P.O. BOX 272400, FORT COLLINS, CO 80527-2400.

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